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THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION

- This week, the House and Senate are in session.
- This week, both chambers are expected to adopt a budget resolution that would direct the House and Senate committees to draft pieces of a reconciliation bill regarding COVID-19 relief.
- This week, President Biden is expected to meet with ten Republican Senators who led a [letter](#) outlining a COVID-19 relief compromise.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

- Last week, the University, in partnership with the FBI, hosted a half-day research security virtual symposium titled, “Protecting the Research Enterprise – Transparency, Integrity and Reciprocity.”

THIS WEEK IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS AND POLICY BRIEFINGS

- On Tuesday, the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled, “No Time to Lose: Solutions to Increase COVID-19 Vaccinations in the States.”
- On Tuesday, the Senate Armed Services Committee will hold a confirmation hearing on the nomination of Kathleen H. Hicks to be deputy secretary of defense.
- On Tuesday, the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee will hold a confirmation hearing on the nomination of Thomas J. Vilsack to be secretary of agriculture.
- On Wednesday, the Health Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Road to Recovery: Ramping Up COVID-19 Vaccines, Testing and Medical Supply Chain."
- On Wednesday, the House Armed Services Committee will hold a committee organizational meeting for the 117th Congress.
- On Wednesday, the House Foreign Affairs Committee will hold a committee organizational meeting for the 117th Congress.
- On Wednesday, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee will hold a confirmation hearing on the nomination of Miguel Cardona to be secretary of education.
- On Wednesday, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing to examine global climate trends and progress in addressing climate change.
- On Wednesday, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing to consider rules governing the committee, a budget resolution for the committee and the nomination of Gina Raimondo to be secretary of commerce.

- On Wednesday, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will hold a confirmation hearing on the nomination of Michael S. Regan to be administrator of the Environment Protection Agency.
- On Thursday, the House Homeland Security Committee will hold a hearing titled, "State of the Small Business Economy in the Era of COVID-19." UC Santa Cruz professor of economics Robert W. Fairlie will testify.
- On Thursday, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee will hold a confirmation hearing on the nomination of Marty Walsh to be secretary of labor.

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